

Hurricane Irene, new clean energy grant funds become available, latest Project Sunburst project goes online, and the MCEC Summit gets rescheduled.

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In the wake of **Hurricane Irene**, more than 800,000 Maryland households and businesses suffered power outages. As of Wednesday evening, tens of thousands of households were still without electricity. Governor Martin O'Malley encouraged Marylanders to "[continue to exercise patience](#)" and "[to check on their family members, friends and neighbors; particularly the elderly to make sure everyone is safe.](#)" For real-time updates, follow [Governor O'Malley](#) on Twitter.

Recently, MEA announced it would distribute more than \$2 million as part of the **Em POWER Clean Energy Communities Low-to-Moderate Income Grant Program**. Eligible non-profits and local governments can apply for grant money to fund energy efficiency projects that benefit low-to-moderate income households. For more information, visit the [Em POWER Clean Energy Communities web page](#).

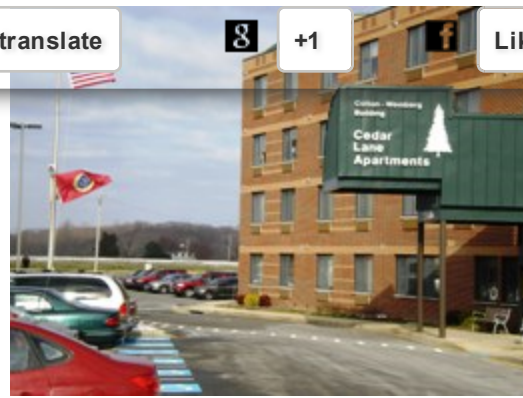
On Wednesday, a 630 kw, commercial-scale solar array came online at the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP). With no upfront costs, the system's 2,600 solar panels save the university money from the very first day. As part of Project Sunburst, MEA leveraged \$9 million of federal [ARRA](#) funds with \$36 million in private capital to spur more than 80 jobs and nearly double the amount of solar energy produced in Maryland. Find more information about the project, [read the press release](#).

As a result of last week's earthquake, the **Maryland Clean Energy Summit 2011** has been rescheduled. The summit will now take place at the Hilton Inner Harbor in Baltimore on Thursday, Oct. 27; Friday, Oct. 28; and Saturday, Oct. 29. For more information, visit [the MEA event page](#).



MEA EmPOWERs Garrett County Community to Save

Using a \$50,000 grant from the MEA, residents of Liberty Mews, a 36-unit lease purchase housing development in Oakland, will save money on utility bills while enjoying new energy efficient appliances. [Read more...](#)



EmPOWER Clean Energy Communities Grants Available

As part of the Em POWER Clean Energy Communities program, the Low-to-Moderate Income Grant Program assists counties financing efficiency projects that benefit low-to-moderate income Marylanders. [Read more...](#)



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